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(6) FMS Enlisted; (7) FMS Dependents; (8) FMS Civilians; (9) Military Grant Aid Officers; (10) Military Grant Aid Enlisted; (11) Military Grant Aid Dependents; (12) Military Grant Aid Civilians; (13) Military Officers From Other Than NATO Nations; (14) Military Enlisted From Other Than NATO Nations; (15) Dependents of Officers and Enlisted From Other Than NATO Nations; (16) Civilians Accompanying Military Members of Other Than NATO Nations; (17) Nationals and Their Dependents.

(e) *Secretarial designees not exempted from paying.*

(f) *Others.* (1) Merchant Marines; (2) Military Sealift Command (MSC) Personnel; (3) Public Health Service beneficiaries (Other than Commissioned Corps); (4) Veterans Administration beneficiaries; (5) Peace Corps beneficiaries; (6) Job Corps beneficiaries; (7) Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA) beneficiaries; (8) Office of Workers Compensation Program (OWCP) beneficiaries; (9) Bureau of Employees Compensation (BEC) beneficiaries; (10) Department of State and Other Federal Agencies beneficiaries (prepare a separate form for each Federal agency); (11) Civilian Humanitarian Nonindigents (CHNI); (12) Trust Territory beneficiaries; (13) Others not specified above who are not entitled to health benefits at the expense of the Government.

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Subpart A—General

§ 732.1 Background.

When a U.S. Navy or Marine Corps member or a Canadian Navy or Marine Corps member receives authorized care from other than a Navy treatment facility, care is under the cognizance of the uniformed service medical treatment facility (USMTF) providing care, the USMTF referring the member to another treatment source, or under the provisions of this part. If such a member is not receiving care at or under the auspices of a Federal source, responsibility for health and welfare, and the adjudication of claims in connection with their care, remains within the Navy Medical Department. Part 728 of this chapter and NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.18 contain guidelines concerning care for other eligible beneficiaries, not authorized care by this part.

§ 732.2 Action.

Ensure that personnel under your cognizance are made aware of the contents of this part. Failure to comply with contents may result in delayed adjudication and payment or may result in denial of Navy financial responsibility for expenses of maternity, medical, or dental care obtained.

Subpart B—Medical and Dental Care From Nonnaval Sources

§ 732.11 Definitions.

Unless otherwise qualified in this part the following terms when used throughout are defined as follows:

(a) *Active duty.* Full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. Includes full-time training duty; annual training duty; and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned.

(b) *Active duty for training.* A specified tour of active duty for Reserves for training under orders that provides for automatic reversion to non-active duty status when the specified period of active duty is completed. It includes annual training, special tours, and the initial tour performed by enlistees without prior military service. The period of duty includes travel to and from training duty, not in excess of the allowable constructive travel time prescribed by SECNAVINST 1770.3 and paragraphs 10242 and 10243 of DOD Military Pay and Allowances Entitlements Manual.

(c) *Constructive return.* For purposes of medical and dental care, an unauthorized absentee's return to military control may be accomplished through notification of appropriate military authorities as outlined below.

(1) For members in an unauthorized absentee (UA) status, constructive return to military control for the purpose of providing medical or dental care at Navy expense is effected when one of the following has occurred:

(i) A naval activity informs a civilian provider of medical or dental care that the Navy accepts responsibility for a naval member's care. The naval activity providing this information must also provide documentation of such notification to the appropriate adjudication authority in § 732.20.

(ii) A member has been apprehended by civil authorities at the specific request of naval authorities and naval authorities have been notified that the member can be released to military custody.

(iii) A naval member has been arrested, while in a UA status, by civil authorities for a civil offense and a naval authority has been notified that the member can be released to military control.

(2) When a naval member has been arrested by civil authorities for a civil offense while in a UA status and the of-

fense does not allow release to military control, constructive return is not accomplished. The individual is responsible for medical and dental care received prior to arrest and the incarcerating jurisdiction is responsible for care required after arrest.

(d) *Designated Uniformed Services Treatment Facilities (Designated USTFs).* Under Pub. L. 97-99, the following facilities are "designated USTFs" for the purpose of rendering medical and dental care to all categories of individuals entitled to care under this part.

(1) *Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word Health Care System*, 6400 Lawndale, Houston, TX 77058 (713) 928-2931 operates the following facilities:

(i) St. John Hospital, 2050 Space Park Drive, Nassau Bay, TX 77058, telephone (713) 333-5503. Inpatient and outpatient services.

(ii) St. Mary's Hospital Outpatient Clinic, 404 St Mary's Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77550, telephone (409) 763-5301. Outpatient services only.

(iii) St. Joseph Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, 1919 La Branch, Houston, TX 77002, telephone (713) 757-1000. Outpatient services only.

(iv) St Mary's Hospital Ambulatory Care Center, 3600 Gates Boulevard, Port Arthur, TX 77640 (409) 985-7431. Outpatient services only.

(2) *Inpatient and outpatient services.* (i) Wyman Park Health System, Inc., 3100 Wyman Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21211, telephone (301) 338-3693.

(ii) Alston-Brighton Aid and Health Group, Inc., Brighton Marine Public Health Center, 77 Warren Street, Boston, MA 02135, telephone (617) 782-3400.

(iii) Bayley Seton Hospital, Bay Street and Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10304, telephone (718) 390-5547 or 6007.

(iv) Pacific Medical Center, 1200 12th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144, telephone (206) 326-4100.

(3) *Outpatient services only.* (i) Coastal Health Service, 331 Veranda Street, Portland, ME 04103 (207) 774-5805.

(ii) Lutheran Medical Center, Downtown Health Care Services, 1313 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113, telephone (216) 363-2065.

(e) *Duty status.* The situation of the claimant when maternity, medical, or

dental care is received. Members, including reservists, on leave or liberty are considered in a duty status. Reservists, performing active duty for training or inactive duty training, are also considered in a duty status during their allowable constructive travel time to and from training.

(f) *Emergency care.* Medical treatment of severe life threatening or potentially disabling conditions which result from accident or illness of sudden onset and necessitates immediate intervention to prevent undue pain and suffering or loss of life, limb, or eyesight and dental treatment of painful or acute conditions.

(g) *Federal facilities.* Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Veterans Administration, and USTFs (former U.S. Public Health Service facilities listed in § 732.11(d).

(h) *Inactive duty training.* Duty prescribed for Reserves by the Secretary of the Navy under Section 206 of Title 37, United States Code, or any other provision of law. Also includes special additional duties authorized for Reserves by an authority designated by the Secretary of the Navy and performed by Reserves on a voluntary basis in connection with the prescribed training or maintenance activities of units to which they are assigned.

(i) *Maternity emergency.* A condition commencing or exacerbating during pregnancy when delay caused by referral to a uniformed services medical treatment facility (USMTF) or designated USTF would jeopardize the welfare of the mother or unborn child.

(j) *Member.* United States Navy and Marine Corps personnel, Department of National Defence of Canada Navy and Marine Corps personnel, and Navy and Marine Corps personnel of other NATO Nations meeting the requirements for care under this part.

(k) *Non-federal care.* Maternity, medical, or dental care furnished by civilian sources (includes State, local, and foreign MTFs).

(l) *Nonnaval care.* Maternity, medical, or dental care provided by other than Navy MTFs. Includes care in other USMTFs, designated USTFs, VA facilities, as well as from civilian sources.

(m) *Office of Medical Affairs (OMA) or Office of Dental Affairs (ODA).* Designated offices, under program management control of COMNAVMECOM and direct control of regional medical commands, responsible for administrative requirements delineated in this part. Responsibilities and functional tasks of OMAs and ODAs are outlined in NAVMECOMINST 6010.3.

(n) *Prior approval.* Permission granted for a specific episode of necessary but nonemergent maternity, medical, or dental care.

(o) *Reservist.* A member of the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve.

(p) *Supplemental care*—(1) *Operation and maintenance funds, Navy.* Supplemental care of all uniformed services members, at Navy expense, encompasses only inpatient or outpatient care augmenting the capability of a naval MTF treating a member. Such care is usually obtained from civilian sources through referral by the treating naval MTF. If a member, authorized care under this part, is admitted to or is being treated on an outpatient basis at any USMTF, all supplemental care is the financial responsibility of that facility regardless of whether the facility is organized or authorized to provide needed health care. The cost of such care is chargeable to operation and maintenance funds (OM&N) available for operation of the USMTF requesting the care regardless of service affiliation of the member (see part 728 of this chapter for such care under Navy Medical Department facilities).

(2) *Nonnaval medical and dental care program funds.* Adjudication authorities will pay claims, under this part, for care received as a result of a referral when:

(i) A United States Navy or Marine Corps member or a Canadian Navy or Marine Corps member requires care beyond the capability of the referring USMTF and care is obtained for such a member *not* admitted to or *not* being treated on an outpatient basis by a USMTF, and

(ii) The referring USMTF is not organized nor authorized to provide the needed health care.

(3) *Other uniformed services supplemental care programs.* In addition to services that augment other USMTF's capabilities, supplemental care programs of the other uniformed services

include care and services comparable to those authorized by this part, e.g., emergency care and pre-approved non-emergency care.

(q) *Unauthorized absence.* Absence or departure without authority from a member's command or assigned place of duty.

(r) *Uniformed Services Medical Treatment Facilities (USMTF).* Health care facilities of the Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, and the former U.S. Public Health Service facilities listed in paragraph (d) of this section designated as USTFs per DOD and Department of Health and Human Services directives.

§ 732.12 Eligibility.

(a) *Regular members.* To be eligible for non-Federal medical, dental, or emergency maternity care at Government expense, Regular active duty United States naval members and Canadian Navy and Marine Corps members must be in a duty status when care is provided.

(b) *Reservists.* (1) Reservists on active duty for training and inactive duty training, including leave and liberty therefrom, are considered to be in a duty status while participating in training. Accordingly, they are entitled to care for illnesses and injuries occurring while in that status.

(2) Reservists are entitled to care for injuries and illnesses occurring during direct travel enroute to and from active duty training (ACDUTRA) and to and from inactive duty training.

(c) *NATO naval members.* Naval members of the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) nations of Belgium, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, and the United Kingdom, are authorized *out-patient care only* under the provisions of this part when stationed in or passing through the United States in connection with official duties. Public Law 99-591 *prohibits inpatient care* of these foreign military members in the United States at the expense of the United States Government. The other NATO SOFA Nation, Canada, entered into a comparable care agreement with the United States requiring the United States to provide inpatient and out-

patient care under the provisions of this part to members of the Department of National Defence of Canada receiving care in the United States.

(d) *Absent without authority.* Naval members absent without authority during an entire episode of treatment are not eligible for non-Federal medical, dental, or emergency maternity care at Government expense. The only exception occurs when a member's illness or injury is determined to have been the direct cause of the unauthorized absentee status. In such an instance, eligibility will be:

(1) Determined to have existed from the day and hour of such injury or illness provided the member was not in an unauthorized absentee status prior to the onset of the illness or injury and initiation of treatment.

(2) Retained when the member is returned directly to military control.

(3) Terminated should the member return to an unauthorized absentee status immediately after completion of treatment. Departmental level (MEDCOM-333 for medical and MEDCOM-06 for dental) review is required before benefits may be extended.

(e) *Constructive return.* When constructive return, defined in § 732.11(c), is effected, entitlement will be determined to have existed from 0001 hours of the day of constructive return, not necessarily the day and hour care was initiated.

§ 732.13 Sources of care.

(a) *Initial application.* If a member requires maternity, medical, or dental care and naval facilities are unavailable, make initial application to other available Federal medical or dental facilities or USTFs. When members are stationed in or passing through a NATO SOFA nation and U.S. facilities are unavailable, ensure that members make initial application for emergency and nonemergency care to military facilities of the host country, or if applicable, to civilian sources under the NATO SOFA nation's health care program. When hospitalized in Hawaii, Alaska, or in a foreign medical facility, members and responsible commands will comply with OPNAVINST 6320.6.